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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.

10/535,652

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jeffrey T. Barton

Art Unit

1795

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THE REPLY FILED 10 September 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☐ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☒ The Notice of Appeal was filed on 10 September 2008. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/Nam X Nguyen/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1753

Continuation of 11, does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The Examiner notes Applicant's unnecessary submission of the well-known definition for "full width at half maximum", but points out that there is no recitation of any peak or transmitted band that could be pertinent to "full width at half maximum", and this is the basis for the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The solar spectrum specified in claim 1 does not include "frequencies which are distributed symmetrically . . . at least one [primary/harmonic/heterodyne] frequency," as specified in the rejected claims until and unless the solar radiation is passed through the filter or otherwise modified to produce such a peak. No recitation of the instant claims provides such limitation of the symmetrical distribution to such a peak. Applicant argues that Samulon is silent regarding a means that "restricts approximately only destructively interfering frequencies of light within the photoreactive portion of the solar spectrum". Anyone of skill in the optical arts recognizes that interference filters, such as that disclosed by Samulon, restrict approximately only destructively interfering radiation - destructive interference is the basis of their filtering function. Even cursory inspection of figure 3 of Samulon shows that tails of the solar cell response curve lie outside the region of high transmission of the filter, thus portions of the light restricted by the filter lie within a photoreactive portion of the spectrum. Inspection of Figure 3 also clearly shows that the filter of Samulon does not allow "all wavelengths" to be transmitted, contrary to Applicant's baseless assertion. Applicant's attention is particularly drawn to the portion of the figure showing essentially no transmission of wavelengths above 1.1 microns and less than 50 % transmission at a wavelength of 1.0 microns. As Applicant is surely aware 1.1 microns corresponds to 1100 nm, and since this is the upper limit of the wavelengths transmitted by Samulon's filter, wavelengths between 1100 and 1400 nm will therefore be removed by this filter. Applicant's further general allegation of hindsight reconstruction is not persuasive because it ignores the basis for the conclusion of obviousness clearly stated in the rejection.